

The Hell-Bound Train.

Tom Gray lay down on the bar room floor,
Having drank so much he could drink no more.
So he fell asleep with a troubled brain,
And dreamed that he rode on a hell-bound train.

The engine with blood was red and damp,
And brilliantly lit with a brimstone lamp;
For fuel an imp was shoveling bones,
While the furnace rang with a thousand groans.

The boiler was filled with lager beer,
And the devil himself was the engineer.
The passengers made such a motley crew—

Church members, atheist, gentile and Jew;
Rich men in broadcloth, and beggars in rags;
Handsome young ladies and withered old hags;

Yellow and black men, red brown and white—
All chained together! What a terrible sight!
The train dashed on at an awful pace,
And a hot wind scorched the hands and face,

Wilder and wilder the country grew,
And faster and faster the engine flew.
Louder and louder the thunders crashed,
And brighter and brighter the lightning flashed.

Hotter and hotter the air became,
Till the clothes were burned from each quivering frame.
Now in the distance arose such a yell—
"Ha! ha! croaked the devil, 'we're now nearing hell!'"

Then—oh how the passengers shrieked in their pain,
And begged for the devil to stop the train;
But he capered about, and sang in his glee,
And laughed and joked at their agony.

"My faithful friends, you have done my work,
And the devil can never a pay-day shirk.
You have bullied the weak and robbed the poor,
And the starving brother turned from your door;

You have laid up gold where the canker rusts,
And given free vent to your fleshly lusts;
You have justice scorned, and corruption sown,
And trampled the laws of nature down.

You have drank and rioted, murdered and lied,
And mocked at God in your hell-born pride.
You have paid full fare, so I'll carry you through,
For its only just you should get your due.

Why, the laborer always expects his hire,
So I'll land you safe in the lake of fire,
When your flesh shall roast in the flames that roar,
And my imps torment you forever more."

Then Tom awoke with an agonized cry,
His clothes soaked with sweat and his hair standing high.
And he prayed as he never pray-

ed before,
To be saved from drink and the devil's power,
And his vows and prayers were not in vain,
For he never more rode on a hell-bound train.

—Lometa Reporter

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The Gospel of Advertising.

Smith and Newberry, the butchers, are firm believers in the efficacy of newspaper advertising. Their faith in this kind of publicity has been very materially strengthened by an incident which occurred just recently, on this wise: They were desirous of securing a meat cutter and thought of advertising for one through the local paper.

After having intimated their intention to our advertising manager they were advised by said manager to seek a medium for this particular class of advertising in a paper which has a more general circulation in the state. Before acting upon this suggestion, however they received an inquiry from B. T. Hatchell of Granger, stating that he desired to come West and engage in the butcher business, with the result that a satisfactory engagement has been made for his services. Mr. Hatchell informed Messrs Smith and Newberry that he had been prompted to make his inquiry by having seen their regular weekly advertisement in the Canyon City News, though he was not a subscriber to this paper. All of which goes to show (1) that a paper is read by many people who do not perchance take it, which insures a circulation far above its bona fide list; (2) that advertisements are real, notwithstanding the opinion of some merchants to the contrary and last but not least that it PAYS TO ADVERTISE; Everlastingly at it are those most likely to appreciate its benefits. The occasional advertiser, or the business man who does not advertise at all, should offer his business for sale. Any kind of advertising beats no advertising at all, has been the experience of other people besides P. T. Barnum.

J. E. Rogers has sold his Mayo section to John Fullaman, an Illinois man, at \$12 per acre bonus, also his horses and farm implements. The purchaser will move down and take possession about Dec. 1st. at which time J. E. will move into town. He has bought a house, he says, but won't say where.

LAND FOR SALE—Thirty-five thousand acres of tillable land in Bailey and Lamb counties. No agents. Apply to owner.
R. W. O'Keefe, Canyon Tex.

Posey Winstead and wife nee Ella Laughery, came up from Hereford Sunday evening and spent several hours between trains with the parents of Mrs. Winstead.

Fine Candies—Best in town at Wilson's.

The Constitutional Amendments.

Some time ago The News reviewed the proposed constitutional amendments at length and gave its reasons for and against them. Upon this matter in its July 6, number The News said in part:

As a rule The News is opposed to tinkering on our constitution; 'tis a bad practice as the people of our sister States already know by sad experience, but in the case before us the proposed amendments seem to be of considerable merit, especially two of them; the exception being the one which proposes to levy a tax to pay Jurors.

Jurors are being paid right along all over the State and at present the only object The News can discover for the proposed amendment is to raise more revenue—get more money from the people where the limit has been reached in other directions. It is the wrong way of getting at the right thing for if more money is required with which to grease the official wheels it could easily be had by enforcing the present laws. As viewed by The News this amendment is a clear case of "whipping the devil round the stump" and it is positively opposed to methods of this character when it is sought to make the constitution of our State a party to it.

The amendment proposing a salary of one thousand dollars for the year "succeeding election to members of the Legislature, and making it an offence to receive or otherwise traffic in railroad passes, The News is of the opinion should become a law. The present pay is much too small and the proposed amendment, according to The News' view, is a step in the right direction; its tendency would be likely to secure us better men as Representatives and hence better laws, and would go far towards checking the big railroad corporations in obtaining their cinch on our law making machinery.

The other proposed amendment, that providing for exemption from taxes of church and school property, ought to be adopted.

Such was the opinion of The News on first reading these amendments and the only change since then has been a little weakening on the legislative salary business.

J. R. Baird and wife, together with their son Seldon and his family, left Tuesday for Lampasas, near which place they expect to take up their residence. Mr. Baird bought a fine farm on the Lampasas river some time ago and is now going down there in order that he may place his son Seldon in charge of the new property. The News, which follows them to their new home, wishes that prosperity and happiness may attend their move and cordially recommends them to their new neighbors.

W. F. Dunn, an old citizen and for a long time deputy sheriff in Burnet county, was in to see us Friday. Since leaving Burnet some seven years ago he has rambled considerably over West Texas and New Mexico and at last has, with his family, landed on the Plains, he thinks to stay.

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